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Docket No.: 43890-475

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Mie TAKAHASHI, et al. : Confirmation Number: 7340
Serial No.: 09/743,612 : Group Art Unit: 1641
Filed: January 12, 2001 : Examiner: Counts, Gary W.
For: CHROMATOGRAPHIC QUANTITATIVE MEASUREMENT DEVICE,
CHROMATOGRAPHY QUANTITATIVE MEASUREMENT METHOD, AND
CHROMATOGRAPHIC TEST PIECE USED THEREFOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The last Office Action in the above-referenced application was a final Office action dated June 13, 2003. A Request for Continued Examination is being filed with this Preliminary Amendment. Please amend the application as set forth below.

Please cancel claims 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 14 and 24 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 15 and 22 as set forth in the listing of all claims presented in the present application is presented in the "Amendments to the Claims" beginning at page 2 of this response.